

**JEFFERSON PROVING GROUND
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD**

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1 A public hearing of the Jefferson Proving Ground
2 Restoration Advisory Board meeting was held in the Jennings
3 County Public Library at North Vernon, IN at 7:00 P.M. on
4 September 9, 1998.

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7 **OPENING STATEMENTS BY MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

8 I would like to welcome everybody. I don't
9 know what we are going to do about the lack of attendance
10 but we will have to look at that. I think everybody has
11 signed in and I think everybody knows me. I'm Paul Cloud
12 from the Army. And we have an attendee. An attendee all
13 right. I feel better already. Our attendance is growing by
14 leaps and bounds. Make sure you sign in please. I don't
15 have any other opening comments. Richard the floor is
16 yours.

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18 **OPENING STATEMENTS BY MR. RICHARD HILL:**

19 Oh thank you. I don't have anything to add
20 that Paul hasn't already said. So now we go right into the
21 agenda.

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23 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

24 Which is Mike. I think you're up first.

1 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

2 I think I'll just sit. Turn the thing off
3 or I tell you what. Leave it on and leave that one (1)
4 chart up. I think everybody - it's the schematic of the
5 cantonment area and I'll just talk to the charts. The
6 purpose here we know - everybody here knows we've got to the
7 reuse areas and we divide them up between the impact area
8 which is everything north of the firing line and the
9 cantonment area which is south of the firing line. Review
10 the status of the impact area and the disposal and process
11 of JPG - that what JPG went through under the BRAC. Fish
12 and Wildlife is a - when we screened other federal agencies
13 made a claim for the entire acreage as a wildlife refuge and
14 we've been working through a series of proposals that for
15 various reasons just did not mature. One (1) was special
16 legislation and one (1) was just the administrative process
17 to create a refuge. Fish and Wildlife has come back with a
18 proposal. They are working on internal Fish and Wildlife
19 still but it would create a refuge that would be under what
20 they call or refer to as a refuge overlay concept that the
21 Army would still own the land but the natural resource
22 management would be accomplished by the Fish and Wildlife
23 Service as if it is a refuge, totally managed as a refuge.
24 It would be called Old Timbers' Wildlife Refuge or whatever

1 name is picked. Probably Old Timbers' Wildlife Refuge and
2 there would be the significant presence there by the - by
3 the Fish and Wildlife Service. The Army just remains the
4 owner of the land. And we had an excellent meeting on this
5 with this today on this process. And the refuge overlay
6 concept is not a new concept. It is something that is used
7 at several other military bases and other federal properties
8 where this is utilized. So we're - we're looking at that
9 model and we expect to have something from the Fish and
10 Wildlife Service in the near future on that. Ah we were
11 evaluating the extension of the MOA, Memorandum of
12 Agreement, we have with Fish and Wildlife Service for FY99.
13 We started out this three (3) year agreement. We're into
14 the third year of that and are evaluating that. The - it
15 appears that we should be - the Army should be getting
16 something soon within the discussions that we've had,
17 particularly today, is the first time that we have heard I
18 guess I would call it tenants or the precepts of this refuge
19 overlay broad concepts under which we would negotiate some
20 of the fine points. And of the I guess eight (8) of those
21 precepts there was nothing that ah we saw that would be what
22 we would term as a show stopper. The ah - so I think with
23 that we will make significant progress towards the refuge
24 once we can get it out of the Fish and Wildlife's solicitors

1 office. But I think - I think that was really positive
2 effort today. And we - and we - the bottom line on this the
3 Army still needs a piece of paper from the service to begin
4 to act and there was no - no milestone set for that. But we
5 know that it will be soon. And if you switch to the
6 cantonment area and to restate some of the things that have
7 happened already we know the water treatment plant downtown
8 has been transferred on the public benefit conveyance. The
9 railroad was sold to the City of Madison. Krueger Lake will
10 be conveyed to the county under public benefit conveyance.
11 We're in the final throes of doing that. Part of the reason
12 or rationale for the delay is that the county wasn't
13 prepared to accept it when the Army was - was ready to
14 provide it because they had no park board to manage it, no
15 park commission, the things they needed to administer that
16 land so we held off on that. Unfortunately we probably held
17 off on that too long because the Defense Department has now
18 created another administrative hurdle called a Disposal
19 Support Package so that when these documents get up to
20 review at the department level it is a check list that is
21 signed off that says we do not have to send or even
22 incorporate by reference some things. We just check off is
23 it in a historic district? Yes? No? Is it a historic
24 building? Yes? No? It's literally a check list with yes,

1 no and if you answer yes explain why. It's more of a
2 questionnaire kind of a thing but it's just to facilitate
3 the staffing. So we've got that done. We almost have that
4 done. And we know now that the county has the commission in
5 place so that should be happening fairly soon. As you folks
6 are aware too we transferred thirty-six (36) acres to Ford
7 which he resold to Indiana Department of Transportation.
8 And we have many buildings under sublease there or Ford -
9 that Ford has an assortment of tenants, both industrial,
10 commercial and residential use. And we've just completed
11 the paper work that allows Ford to sublease the utility
12 systems, telephone, water, sewer, electric. So that is all
13 under control of the developer. And what this does is give
14 him the maximum capability to further the industrial
15 development. To that end in the cantonment area we've
16 started two (2) FOSTS. We've started - and the order in
17 which we've started, we've started a FOST for this large
18 area here (indicating) which will encompass approximately
19 twelve hundred (1200) to fifteen hundred (1500) acres. We
20 do not have a complete legal description of that area yet.
21 But by our estimation twelve hundred (1200) to fifteen
22 hundred (1500) acres. What this does is put more real
23 estate into Ford's hands. It takes it off of the Army's
24 rolls. That's of interest to the Army because we get credit

1 for that. That's the intent of the exercise and we are
2 complying with the administration's directive to do that.
3 From the local side the advantage is that that now places or
4 would place twelve hundred (1200) to fifteen hundred (1500)
5 acres in the property tax base which is not there right now
6 as long as it is federal property. From Mr. Ford's
7 standpoint there are about sixty (60) to eighty (80)
8 buildings of assorted sizes and uses all in this area
9 (indicating). That transfer to him gives him more
10 flexibility on the reuse of that property. So that is why
11 the Army is going through with this initiative. Mr. Ford
12 has come to the Army and asked us to initiate another FOST
13 and that second FOST involves a hundred and twenty-nine
14 (129) acre area up here (indicating) which is northwest of
15 the airfield hanger. It is in the area that on your maps
16 will show that it is a UXO area. It's been identified
17 through the clean up efforts that we're doing. The clean up
18 effort in this area has been complete. We have a statement
19 of clearance from the Huntsville Center for Unexploded
20 Ordinance expertise. We have a statement of clearance for
21 that one hundred and twenty-nine (129) acre area. We have
22 provided that to the Louisville district along with other
23 documentation and we are - the United States Army is
24 proceeding with a sublease for that area as an interim

1 measure because there is a - at Ford's request and at the
2 request of the local governments, they wanted the Army to
3 take that expeditious action and follow up with the FOST
4 because there is significant potential for industrial
5 development in that area. And so the sublease enables Ford
6 to deal with those developers without waiting on the FOST.
7 But the FOST is under preparation as is the sublease. The
8 sublease will be delivered probably the 14th or the 15th of
9 September. And the FOST will probably go out on that area
10 somewhere toward the end of the month or early October.
11 Paul will talk to that later. But the focus and the
12 emphasis on this is at the request of Ford and both the city
13 and the county that we take all the expeditious action in
14 order to grant access to that area. And we have, the United
15 States Army has done that. When I mention the UXO clearance
16 work here (indicating) all the field work is complete in the
17 entire area. There is no problem with the statement of
18 clearance for that entire area. That just takes longer to
19 do so the Army took the extra effort to deal with this piece
20 separately and get it moving. We would expect statement of
21 clearance for the remainder of this to come out within the
22 next probably thirty (30) to forty-five(45) days. Are there
23 any questions about the reuse?
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1 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

2 I have a couple of questions.

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4 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

5 Yes.

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7 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

8 The one hundred and twenty-nine (129) acre
9 parcel?

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11 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

12 Un-huh (yes).

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14 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

15 The UXO clearance that you received, you
16 received that from Huntsville?

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18 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

19 Yes.

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21 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

22 Did you also have to get it from the DDESP?

1 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

2 No we do not have to get it from DDESP.
3 What we do is DDESP prescribes protocol that is to be
4 followed and we follow that protocol and Huntsville
5 certifies that that protocol is followed and they document
6 that. They provide their - the commander of the Huntsville
7 Division signs off on that and forwards it to the customer
8 which in this case is - is us. And we then review that and
9 sign off on it.

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11 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

12 Okay. When was that clearance completed?
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14 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

15 Last week.
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17 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

18 Okay.
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20 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

21 We received the final report and the
22 statement of clearance last week. They staffed that through
23 our headquarters and it was approved last week. I believe
24 the date was the 2nd of September.

1 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

2 I have another question.

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4 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

5 Yes.

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7 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

8 Going back to the Fish and Wildlife. The
9 discussion has gone on regarding the refuge. How long have
10 those discussions gone on? Has it been a year or over a
11 year?

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13 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

14 Well we've discussed different aspects as
15 you - you recall. We - the initial talks were - the Fish
16 and Wildlife initially developed a refuge proposal package.
17 We then had discussions about a legislative proposal and we
18 had discussions about the administrative transfer. So the
19 refuge overlay discussions have been relatively recent. I
20 would guess probably --

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22 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

23 June is when Mr. Ashe --
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1 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

2 June when Mr. Ashe, Mr. Dan Ashe is the
3 assistant director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
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5 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

6 At the headquarters.
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8 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

9 And he visited JPG and talked about this
10 proposal. In October of '97 is when Mr. Hartwig, the
11 regional director, visited JPG and that really provided the
12 impetus to get moving on this effort. So it's been less
13 than a year on I would say the serious discussion of how to
14 implement a refuge.
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16 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

17 Okay thank you.
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19 **MR. JOE ROBB:**

20 What exactly does FOST stand for?
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22 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

23 Finding of Suitability to Transfer. It is
24 an environmental document that documents the environmental

1 status of a particular parcel from a number of prospectives
2 and also discusses ah adjacent areas. Adjacent is not very
3 well defined. You have to look at specifics to see how
4 adjacent adjacent is. Adjacent may be in a particular case
5 fifty (50) to a hundred (100) feet and in some other cases
6 it might be considerably further away. You have to look at
7 the details of each parcel. Richard do you want to briefly
8 up date everyone on the status of the technical assistance
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10 **MR. RICHARD HILL:**

11 Ah yes but first I do have another question
12 about the hundred and twenty-nine (129) acres.
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14 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

15 Sure.
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17 **MR. RICHARD HILL:**

18 On your hand out here about the third (3)
19 bullet down the hundred and twenty-nine (129) acre part it
20 says (reading) IDEM concurs with environmental condition,
21 EPA has comments to address. Does that mean EPA - what does
22 that mean?
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1 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

2 That means exactly what it says it means.
3 We sent - we sent the same identical information, same
4 package to the Indiana Department of Environment on the
5 remedial - it's a remedial investigation site number five
6 (5).
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8 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

9 Five (5) and Six (6).
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11 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

12 Which is within that parcel.
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14 **MR. RICHARD HILL:**

15 Un-huh (yes).
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17 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

18 Information went to IDEM. They came back
19 with a one (1) page letter that says the - to the effect
20 that no further action is required. It is suitable for
21 industrial use.
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23 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

24 Non residential use.

1 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

2 They recommended non residential. But they
3 concurred with the proposal.

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5 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

6 It's suitable - concurred for industrial
7 use.

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9 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

10 They didn't put that in there even though we
11 know --

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13 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

14 I believe it says industrial in the letter.

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16 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

17 No it does not.

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19 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

20 The same material went to the - went to the
21 EPA and we received on the 31st of August we received eight
22 and a half (8½) pages of technical comment. And we have
23 that under discussion with EPA now.

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1 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

2 And basically after speaking with IDEM, IDEM
3 did not have the human health risk assessment to review
4 their documents. So without the benefit of that particular
5 technical expertise then they didn't have any written
6 technical comments. But they basically had a conditional
7 concurrence? The conditional concurrence is that the
8 document that was reviewed, and this is misleading because
9 that was not for a FOST. That was not for a FOST for the
10 hundred and twenty-nine (129) acres. And I have a copy of
11 the letter. The letter actually regarded a technical
12 memorandum for sites five (5) and six (6), no further
13 action. The FOST has actually not been submitted and not
14 been reviewed by the EPA or IDEM.

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16 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

17 Which is what we stated. Okay.

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19 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

20 That is not what this reads.

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22 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

23 What I just stated is the FOST would be sent
24 to the - that we were preparing a sublease and that a FOST

1 will be submitted. The other piece that was provided to
2 Indiana Department of Environment and the EPA was
3 information on residual soil sample. That was the response
4 we got back, was requested on the 4th of September and the
5 response we - we received a response from Indiana Department
6 of Environment to allow us to proceed and we are waiting on
7 a response from the EPA.

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9 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

10 In which the EPA has told the Army they will
11 receive September 11th.

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13 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

14 11th.

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16 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

17 And the document was actually provided to us
18 on August 31st.

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20 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

21 The same day that it was provided to the
22 state.

1 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

2 The same day it was provided to the state.

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4 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

5 But I mean what is the point that you are
6 making?

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8 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

9 Just providing --

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11 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

12 Just providing information to the public as
13 to the status of when documents are provided and when
14 responses are provided.

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16 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

17 Right. The EPA feels that two (2) weeks is
18 enough time to actually see where it's going you know. In
19 our opinion September 11th is an acceptable date. Also this
20 is misleading the way that this information is written
21 because it's actually under (reading) IDEM concurs with
22 environmental condition under the FOST for one hundred
23 twenty-nine (129) acres. I think you should state what they
24 have actually conditionally concurred.

1 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

2 What IDEM's letter says in the technical -
3 in the response to the technical memorandum for no further
4 action at remedial investigations sites five (5) and six (6)
5 is that they found one (1) accedence in excess of one (1) in
6 one hundred thousand (100,000) as potential cancer risks and
7 that they recommended - recommended, that's their words,
8 that the site be utilized for industrial, not residential.
9 That is what they said.

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11 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

12 No they didn't.

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14 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

15 If you have a copy of the letter you can
16 read it into the record and we will put it in the minutes.

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18 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

19 I certainly have a copy of the letter.
20 (Looking) Okay what IDEM has concurred to is the
21 recommendations for no further action. They concur with the
22 recommendation. That does not say they didn't technically
23 have comments on the document which we provided. Okay?
24 They just - they just concurred with your recommendations

1 for no further action. Second of all the slight accedence,
2 there was one (1) slight accedence for residential scenario
3 in which we commented on. That's what our comments are for.
4 The document with the two (2) scenarios. Residential use
5 and a construction worker. Not industrial. The document
6 didn't state industrial anywhere in it. And that's what EPA
7 - EPA reviewed what was provided by the Army. Second of all
8 IDEM says that they recommend that the property transfer
9 documentation states that this area should be used for non
10 residential purposes. Okay now we are aware that the Army
11 wants to use it for industrial but this doesn't say that.

12
13 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

14 No the Army - the Army is not going to use
15 it for anything.

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17 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

18 Well to cor - just to correct what you said
19 your statement was that IDEM concurred for industrial use
20 and that's not what the letter says. The letter says that -
21 that it should be used for non residential purposes. So
22 just for the record that's what it states. The EPA - the
23 Army has talked with EPA's management. EPA's management has
24 ah provided the fact that they feel that three (3) weeks or

1 two and a half (2½) weeks because the document was actually
2 submitted to us on August 11th. We feel that that was
3 enough time. You know our management didn't have a problem
4 with that. And for the UXO information also our management
5 has indicated to the Army that two (2) weeks review period
6 that they do not have a problem with that. So just for the
7 record that is EPA's position.

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9 **MR. JOE ROBB:**

10 That they do not have a problem with that?

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12 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

13 Not with that time frame, review time frame.

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15 **MR. JOE ROBB:**

16 Okay.

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18 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

19 I think that's why Mike is bringing this up.
20 I mean he's bringing something up that you didn't ask. So
21 just to address it you know I would like that to be known to
22 the public.

1 **MR. JOE ROBB:**

2 Okay thank you.

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4 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

5 Did you have any other questions Richard
6 before you give us the status on the TAPP?

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8 **MR. RICHARD HILL:**

9 No.

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11 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

12 Okay go ahead.

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14 **MR. RICHARD HILL:**

15 Okay. Gosh I think everybody here knows
16 what the TAPP is. It's Technical Assistance for Public
17 Participation and it's funding through the RAB to review
18 technical documents and interpret them. And I have just
19 this evening finally given Paul what I hope to be our final,
20 ah I don't want to say draft.

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22 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

23 Application.

1 **MR. RICHARD HILL:**

2 Application. Yeah for the TAPP funding for
3 this RAB. And so now we will just have to wait and see how
4 long it takes to get it processed and where it goes from
5 here.

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7 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

8 I will take that back and make sure it's
9 staffed and processed and then we will go from there. I
10 don't expect there to be a problem but I will have to you
11 know touch the necessary bases now that I have the revised
12 application assuming that you've incorporated the comments
13 from the Army Environmental Center.

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15 **MR. RICHARD HILL:**

16 Yes.

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18 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

19 We talked about that. I don't see a problem
20 and we will just - I don't know how long it will take to
21 staff these and get them processed. I will find that out
22 and as soon as I do I will let you know and we can go from
23 there.

1 **MR. RICHARD HILL:**

2 Thank you.

3
4 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

5 Okay. I have another question before we go
6 to the next topic. To go back to the one hundred and
7 twenty-nine (129) acre proposed parcel for the FOST that we
8 were discussing one (1) question that we had, EPA had, we
9 have asked this over and over from the Army since July of
10 1998. We have pretty much been interested also not only in
11 sites five (5) and six (6) but also the solvent pit sites
12 twelve (12)A and twelve (12)B. And one (1) of the questions
13 that we have - one (1) of the questions - one (1) of the
14 issues that we are currently assessing is whether or not the
15 ground water is creating a plume at the solvent pit sites,
16 creating a plume beneath this potential -- property or also
17 if it's migrating off site. And the BRAC clean up team was
18 employed by the Army at our last BRAC clean up team meeting.
19 I think that was sometime in July of 1998 that the company
20 that is interested in purchasing the property from Mr. Ford,
21 an industrial interest.

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23 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

24 I can tell you exactly all the information

1 that I have on that subject. One (1) was the BRAC clean up
2 team and I think the other members of the RAB and interested
3 parties know that our sites up in the northwest corner of
4 the Proving Ground cantonment area that have former solvent
5 pits and we refer to them collectively as Buildings 600
6 area. They are known as remedial investigation sites twelve
7 (12)A and twelve (12)B. There is ground water contamination
8 there. In the most recent Phase Two RI report that has just
9 recently gone out, there is additional data that documents
10 the nature and extent and the concentrations of those
11 plumes. They also document the fact that north of Woodfield
12 Road in here (indicating) we have ground water pumping wells
13 that are indicating clear, that the plume had not reached
14 them. If you look on the maps for those sites in that
15 report you will see the distances from the source average
16 between one hundred (100) to three hundred (300) feet. And
17 that just slightly beyond those the ground water monitoring
18 wells are coming up clean. That's part of the information.
19 The next part you asked about the ground - the soil borings
20 that the potential reuser of the ground water monitoring or
21 the ground water test wells? I talked with the company's
22 environmental representative this week. One (1) he has no
23 results on anything yet. Two (2) all they did was take soil
24 borings. The intent of the soil borings was not for an

1 environmental analysis of any kind, it was to check the soil
2 to see if it would support pilings and foundations of a
3 cement nature. Three (3) they are not going to have - not -
4 have not to this date and to my indications don't think they
5 are going to dig any ground water wells. They are going to
6 look at the available literature. My interpretation of
7 that, my discussion with him is that they would look at the
8 RI report as far as available information on the amount of
9 ground water. They are aware of the fact that up in this
10 northeast quadrant (indicating) approximately - depending on
11 which site you're talking about, twelve (12)A or twelve
12 (12)B, the distance is anywhere from thirty-six hundred
13 (3600) feet to a mile from the proposed hundred and twenty-
14 nine (129) acre parcel. The company is aware of that. But
15 they have no other information to provide at this time. Did
16 that answer your question?

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18 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

19 Yes it did.
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21 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

22 Okay. Did you have any other questions
23 before I discuss the FOST?
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1 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

2 No. I just wanted to - since we were
3 talking about the -- that the public know that although the
4 information was provided answered the question and that
5 ground water doesn't appear to show contamination in the
6 wells, the RIFF does state there is ground water
7 contamination. Some of the low level ground water in sites
8 twelve (12)B appears to be dropping down, straight down into
9 bedrock which is approximately pretty much the location
10 where the FOST property is so we are currently evaluating
11 that. And that's just one (1) of the other - other issues
12 that we're evaluating prior to the FOST coming out.

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14 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

15 Okay. If there's no further comments or
16 questions I would like to discuss briefly the two (2) new
17 FOSTS that are in process of being issued for public
18 comment. The first one (1) is commonly known or more
19 commonly known as the northern airfield parcel. It's
20 approximately a hundred and twenty-nine (129) acres. There
21 are no buildings on this parcel. The current estimated
22 start date for the thirty (30) day public comment period is
23 1 October of this year. I am drafting that document now.
24 It is approximately sixty (60) to seventy-five (75) percent

1 complete. Once I have finished it it will be staffed within
2 the Army and put out for public review. The second FOST,
3 what is more commonly referred to as the central area, Mike
4 talked about that. That's the approximately twelve (1200)
5 to fifteen hundred (1500) acres with the eighty (80) to
6 ninety (90) buildings. That FOST is actually in a more
7 complete state right now but because of the significance of
8 the hundred and twenty-nine (129) acre parcel and its
9 potential for significant industrial redevelopment, Mr. Ford
10 has expressed the priority to us that we proceed with the
11 hundred and twenty-nine (129) acre FOST first. And we have
12 discussed this with the state and the EPA to inform them
13 also that that would be our preference and we would issue
14 that one (1) first for review and then follow it with the
15 central area. The central area is more the Army's
16 initiative than it is Mr. Ford's but it's also a significant
17 parcel and would be a significant percentage of his lease in
18 furtherance of conveyance. Depending on when these are -
19 the second date for the central area FOST is approximate
20 date. That date will be accepted by when the FOST on the
21 hundred and twenty-nine (129) acre parcel is signed.
22 Assuming there is a thirty (30) day comment period on the
23 hundred and twenty-nine (129) acre parcel and it starts on 1
24 October, it is reasonable to assume that approximately to

1 assume 1 December that the FOST for the central area would
2 come out for thirty (30) day comment. That may fluctuate by
3 a few days or a week or two (2) either way, but it will be
4 controlled by when the first FOST on the hundred and twenty-
5 nine (129) acre parcel is signed. And then once it's signed
6 that document, and as Mike said earlier, the base disposal
7 support package is provided to the Louisville Corps of
8 Engineers real estate division. They will prepare the
9 actual deed transfer to Mr. Ford. Are there any comments or
10 questions on those two (2) FOST packages? Okay what I would
11 like to do now is just briefly go over the status of where
12 the Army is on the UXO removal. Just to review briefly
13 there was the Archives Search Report completed in 1995 that
14 identified approximately twenty-two hundred and thirty-four
15 (2234) acres that had potential UXO in the cantonment area
16 that the Army was cleaning to a depth of four (4) feet below
17 surface. Anything below that would be the reuser's
18 responsibility. The schedule really has not changed much.
19 We have completed a number of actions in the various areas
20 and actually this airfield area is complete now as Mike
21 indicated. We expedited the hundred and twenty-nine (129)
22 acre portion of the airfield area for the reuse. We will
23 follow that up here in the next few weeks or month or so to
24 get the completed statement of clearance for the rest of the

1 area. The work at the Krueger Lake area is still occurring.
2 We have scheduled and budgeted for the start of the work in
3 the western area in FY99. We will be doing a slightly
4 different process here and this one (1) will be following
5 the non time critical or removal process of the engineering
6 evaluation and cost analysis approach with a decision
7 document on that particular parcel. Just to remind everyone
8 that this last parcel here is not in the lease in
9 furtherance of conveyance. This parcel on the map is west
10 of the airfield and it's still the Army's property. And
11 that's this area over here (indicating).
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13 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

14 Let me comment Paul. That is a protocol
15 that will be - that will be reviewed again by DDESP.
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17 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

18 And approved.
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20 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

21 And approved by DDESP because of the - some
22 changes that Huntsville is making in there.
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1 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

2 So that will have to go back to DDESP for
3 review and approval before it is accepted. So you were
4 correct in that aspect in there are changes but once DDESP
5 has made approval, as long as the process is followed, they
6 don't get involved again. But if you make a change you have
7 to go back and get different concurrence on it.

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9 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

10 And the reason we've done that is that that
11 protects that area, protects the forested area. The current
12 protocol if you will would require us to level a significant
13 number of trees in that area. And we don't really want to
14 do that so that's why we're going through this process.

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16 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

17 This slide (indicating) hasn't been changed.
18 It just gives the results of the hundred (100) acre parcel
19 and the thirty-eight (38) parcels that the UXO was removed
20 in previously. This one (1) also (indicating) has not been
21 changed. Just shows the surface sweep that was done in the
22 summer of 1996. That area is currently under going four (4)
23 foot clearance. And then lastly as far as status this is up
24 date as of last week (indicating) as to the number of items

1 that have been found in the area and how many were suspected
2 of containing explosives. This information is also on the
3 JPG web site and as I'm getting weekly updates from the
4 Huntsville Corps of Engineers, several things happen. One
5 (1) I update the web site on that particular page. And two
6 (2) I provide that information to the State and EPA for
7 their information. And again this western park parcel,
8 former park parcel, should start to work here this next FY
9 probably this fall. Are there any questions on the UXO
10 removal? Joe?

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12 **MR. JOE ROBB:**

13 Where is the - is the Gater Mine area, that
14 area that they're doing some work, is that - what - is that
15 in one (1) of those areas that you just mentioned?

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17 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

18 Yes. It's in this - it's in this area right
19 here (indicating).

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21 **MR. JOE ROBB:**

22 But is that on your list in that time table
23 or not?

1 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

2 It - it's in the - that's under the area
3 south of the Krueger Lake. That's part of that eight
4 hundred (800) acre parcel. Did that answer your question?
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6 **MR. JOE ROBB:**

7 Yeah.
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9 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

10 I have a question.
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12 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

13 Go ahead.
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15 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

16 The next slide. Could you put the ah --
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18 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

19 Which one (1) was that now?
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21 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

22 The last one (1) that you had up there.
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1 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

2 This one (indicating)?

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4 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

5 Yes.

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7 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

8 Your question?

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10 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

11 Okay. Four hundred and one (401) pieces of
12 ordnance. Ah in the status reports that EPA and IDEM have
13 received to date I thought there were four hundred and
14 seventy-one (471)?

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16 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

17 No. They are - what has happened is that
18 Huntsville went through and there was a period this summer
19 where they did a QA/QC check. And some of their numbers
20 shifted. And I questioned them on that at the same time.
21 This is (indicating) based on the August 24th report as far
22 as the numbers that have been addressed in those two (2)
23 areas. That is the most recent one (1). But there was a
24 change several weeks ago, probably mid summer I think it

1 was.

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3 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

4 Also I was under the impression that there
5 was only one (1) high explosive in the airfield area?

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7 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

8 The difference with their - let me clarify
9 that on explosives.

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11 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

12 Versus I thought you said eighteen (18)?

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14 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

15 That uses a generic term that says suspected
16 of containing explosives. There's a difference between a
17 high explosive round and a fuse that may have explosives in
18 it.

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20 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

21 What's the difference?

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23 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

24 The fuse is a charge that you have a primer

1 and igniter and those will cause a flash. A high explosive
2 round is the actual explosive that is packed within the
3 piece of ordnance that when this - the chain reaction that
4 the primer and igniter start, that is the material that
5 explodes and causes the damage. In other words the - the
6 fuse on a mortar round may be - be so big. The - the
7 remainder of the rounds is - is - will be packed with
8 explosive and that's what - that explosion then blows the
9 metal surroundings out which is intended to inflict the
10 damage and casualties.

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12 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

13 Does that answer your question?
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15 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

16 Yeah it did but there's a reason that I
17 asked that. Ah the UXO documentation of correspondence that
18 we're currently reviewing, we reached an agreement basically
19 we based it on - on high explosives in that particular area.
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21 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

22 That's correct.
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1 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

2 Because of the UXO. And to your knowledge
3 are there any suspected?
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5 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

6 No. Not in that hundred and twenty-nine
7 (129) acre parcel. This - this (indicating) incorporates
8 five hundred and seventy-five (575) acres. That's the whole
9 airfield area. These eighteen (18) are somewhere else other
10 than the hundred and twenty-nine (129) acres. Does that
11 answer you?
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13 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

14 Un-huh (yes).
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16 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

17 Are there any other questions regarding
18 unexploded ordnance clearance? Okay. The last ah part of
19 the presentation is just again to identify the web site.
20 It's fairly extensive updated not as often as I would like
21 but we're going to be addressing that shortly. It is
22 updated as far as UXO clearance approximately weekly or
23 every other week when I get the reports. We have had to
24 date eight hundred and fifty (850) hits on site since it

1 came up on the Internet and this is the actual site here
2 (indicating) since mid May. Ah for a site of its nature I
3 consider that's fairly high averaging about two hundred
4 (200) hits a month. It's fairly extensive. It covers a lot
5 of material not only from the environmental arena, but the
6 history and operation of the Proving Ground and cultural and
7 natural resources prospectives. And to give you a better
8 view of what the whole page looks like (indicating) that was
9 taken a couple of days ago and the numbers were a little
10 lower. That's all I have. I would point out that our next
11 meeting will be in Madison at the Madison-Jefferson County
12 Public Library at 7:00 P.M. on November 4th. And I hope we
13 have more attendance at that time, also more questions. I
14 have no further comments or remarks. Richard?

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16 **MR. RICHARD HILL:**

17 No I - I don't think I have anything else
18 either.

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20 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

21 Any other comments or questions? This is
22 the open discussion period also if anyone has any further
23 comments or questions.

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MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:

Did you say the next RAB meeting was at the Public Library?

MR. PAUL CLOUD:

In Madison. If you look on the agenda it's stated right here (indicating).

MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:

All right. Good. I don't have any further questions.

MR. PAUL CLOUD:

Then that's all we have and I bid you good evening.

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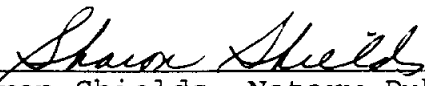
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I, Sharon Shields, do hereby certify that I am a Notary Public in and for the County of Jefferson, State of Indiana, duly authorized and qualified to administer oaths; That the foregoing public hearing was taken by me in shorthand and on a tape recorder on September 9, 1998 in the Jennings County Public Library, North Vernon, IN; That this public hearing was taken on behalf of the Jefferson Proving Ground Restoration Advisory Board pursuant to agreement for taking at this time and place; That the testimony of the witnesses was reduced to typewriting by me and contains a complete and accurate transcript of the said testimony.

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WITNESS my hand and notarial seal this 29th day of September, 1998.



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